

# **KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING NURSING INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION PROCESS**

## **General Information**

The Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund (NISF) provides scholarships to Kentucky residents attending approved prelicensure nursing programs (RN or LPN) or graduate nursing programs. The scholarship requires that a recipient must work as a nurse in Kentucky for one year for each academic year funded. If a recipient does not complete the nursing program within the time frame specified by the program, or does not complete the required employment, then the recipient will be required to repay any NISF monies awarded, plus accrued interest. NISF recipients are selected individually by the NISF Committee, using specified criteria. The amount of each scholarship is \$3,000 per year (\$1,500 per semester). NISF scholarships may be used for cost of living expenses, as well as school expenses.

Students in prelicensure (LPN & RN) and BSN completion nursing programs must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours per academic year of published requirements for the nursing program for each \$3,000 scholarship awarded. Graduate nursing programs require completion of 9 credit hours per academic year. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average which will allow continuation in a nursing program. **The required number of credit hours can be divided between the fall, spring and summer sessions.**

## **Qualifications & Preference Categories**

An applicant for an initial NISF award must be a Kentucky resident and have been admitted to a program of nursing (whether located in Kentucky or not).

Preference for awards is given to applicants with financial need; practical nurses pursuing registered nursing education; and registered nurses pursuing graduate nursing education. **To meet the financial need preference category, remember to apply early for financial aid through the school you are attending.** See the instruction page for more information on qualifying for the financial need category.

Scholarship recipients may be eligible to receive continued awards if successful academic progression is maintained throughout the nursing program.

## **Mailing Your Application Form**

The completed application form is to be postmarked by June 1 and mailed to the address below. The NISF funding period pertaining to this application form begins with the fall semester following the June 1 deadline.

**Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund  
Kentucky Board of Nursing  
312 Whittington Pky, Suite 300  
Louisville, KY 40222-5172**

## **Application Deadline Date**

**APPLICATION FORMS ARE ACCEPTED JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 1.**

**Application forms that are not postmarked by the June 1  
deadline date will be considered ineligible.**

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE NISF APPLICATION FORM

The NISF application form may be duplicated as needed.

**IMPORTANT:** Follow all instructions carefully when completing the NISF application form. Remember, any error or omission of information could result in the delay or denial of your application. Use this page as a checklist to make sure that all required steps have been completed. If you have any questions regarding this application, call Richelle Livers, NISF Program Coordinator, at 800-305-2042 or 502-329-7000, extension 290.

## Checklist

- ☐ All signatures on the application form have been provided.
- ☐ A phone number has been provided where you can be reached during the day or where a message can be left for you. **Include an email address, if applicable, where you can be reached.**
- ☐ All questions have been answered completely. Fill in all appropriate circles and boxes.  
**DO NOT LEAVE ANY QUESTIONS BLANK.**
- ☐ Retain a copy of this application form and all attached forms for your records.

## THE FOLLOWING MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE NISF APPLICATION FORM

### VERIFICATION OF STUDENT STATUS

The administrator of the nursing program in which you are enrolled must complete this portion. If the applicant does not have a post-secondary GPA, please include the applicant's high school GPA.

## THE FOLLOWING MAY BE INCLUDED WITH THE NISF APPLICATION FORM

### A COPY OF YOUR STUDENT AID REPORT

If you want to qualify for the financial need preference category, then you should include a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) for consideration. The date of the SAR must match the academic year for which you are applying for funding.

### WHERE DO YOU GET A STUDENT AID REPORT?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be obtained from the financial aid office at the school you are attending. The financial aid officer is the best source of information for applying for the FAFSA, so check with that office to ensure that you have completed all required forms. Follow the instructions to complete and submit the form to the proper agency. The College Scholarship Service or the U.S. Department of Education will then send you a Student Aid Report. For students with access to the Internet, online help in completing the FAFSA is available at [www.ed.gov/prog\\_info/SFA/FAFSA](http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/FAFSA). **It takes several weeks to process a SAR, so APPLY EARLY.**

**Submit ONLY A COPY of the SAR with your application, and include ALL PAGES (1-8) of the SAR.** Application forms received by the June 1 deadline will be given the same consideration as those received early. **Do NOT submit the actual FAFSA or the electronic application to the Kentucky Board of Nursing.**